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These documents were cited during prosecution of copending parent application no. 09/640,724, filed August 18, 2000.

Japanese patent document number 2574818 is discussed on page 5 of the subject specification and relates to a vacuum suction anchor block.

Japanese patent document number 2821678 is discussed on pages 6-8 of the subject specification and relates to a suction device for a substrate and an aligner.

Applicants request that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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